

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. It is requested that, if the Examiner requires restriction among the claims, the claim set below be used as the basis for that requirement and discussion of the claims going forward.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A polymeric coextruded multilayer web, the web comprising:

at least two layers that are discontinuous in the cross-web direction ~~of fibers, each fiber layer~~ comprising a plurality of distinct phases ~~fibers~~ that are substantially continuous in the down-web direction; and

at least three layers that are substantially continuous in both the cross-web and down-web directions, at least one of the continuous layers comprising a pressure sensitive adhesive;

wherein said layers of phases ~~fibers~~ are embedded between continuous layers and are separated from each other by continuous layer material of said multilayer web.

2. (Currently amended) The web of claim 1 wherein the materials comprising said substantially continuous layers and said discontinuous ~~fiber~~ layers are polymers having polymer melt viscosities within a factor of two of one another.

3. (Currently amended) The web of claim 1 wherein said discontinuous ~~fiber~~ layers independently comprise a material selected from the group consisting of thermoplastic materials, elastomeric materials, high viscosity liquids, and mixtures thereof.

4. (Currently amended) The web of claim 1 wherein said continuous layers comprise an acrylic pressure-sensitive adhesive and wherein said discontinuous layers ~~of fibers~~ independently comprise a material selected from the group consisting of a non-pressure-sensitive adhesive, a thermoplastic polyolefin, and combinations thereof.

5. (Previously presented) The web of claim 4 wherein said thermoplastic polyolefin is selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl acetate copolymers, ethylene/poly- α -olefin copolymers, amino-compatible polyolefins and blends of ethylene/poly- α -olefin and amino-compatible polyolefin polymers.

6. (Currently Amended) A polymeric web comprising a plurality of substantially continuous layers comprising pressure sensitive adhesive polymer that is foamed and at least two layers that are discontinuous in the cross-web direction and continuous in the down-web direction ~~of fibers~~, said discontinuous ~~fiber~~ layers being embedded between continuous layers and separated from each other by continuous layer material, said discontinuous layers ~~fibers~~ comprising a material selected from the group consisting of thermoplastics including homopolymers and copolymers thereof.

7. (Currently amended) The web of claim 4 wherein said discontinuous layers ~~of fibers~~ comprise homopolymers or copolymers selected from the group consisting of ethylene vinyl-acetate copolymers, isotactic polypropylene, copolymers of norbornene and ethylene and ethylene/poly- α -olefin copolymers.

8. (Currently amended) The web of claim 1 wherein said substantially continuous layers comprise a material selected from blends of polyolefins and elastomeric block copolymers, natural or synthetic rubbers and blends of isotactic polypropylene and elastomeric polypropylene and wherein said discontinuous layers ~~of fibers~~ comprise a material selected from the group consisting of cyclic polyolefins and blends of cyclic polyolefin with non-cyclic polyolefin.

9. (Currently amended) A polymeric web comprising a plurality of substantially continuous layers comprising porous polymer film and at least two layers that are discontinuous in the cross-web direction and continuous in the down-web direction ~~of fibers~~, said discontinuous ~~fiber~~ layers being embedded between continuous layers and separated from each other by continuous layer material.

10. (Currently amended) The web of claim 9 wherein said substantially continuous layers comprise polypropylene and oil and wherein said discontinuous ~~fiber~~ layers have a higher tensile strength than said continuous layers.

11. (Currently amended) The web of claim 9 wherein said discontinuous ~~fiber~~ layers comprise polypropylene.

12. (Currently amended) The web of claim 9 wherein said discontinuous ~~fiber~~ layers comprise a dye or colorant.

13. (Currently amended) The web of claim 1 wherein said discontinuous ~~fiber~~ layers alternate with said continuous layers.

14. (Currently amended) The web of claim 1 wherein said web has two substantially continuous layers between each discontinuous layer ~~of fibers~~.

15. (Currently amended) A polymeric web comprising:

a) at least two layers ~~of fibers~~ that are substantially discontinuous in the cross-web direction and substantially continuous in the down-web direction; and

b) at least three layers that are substantially continuous down-web and cross-web and comprising a material selected from the group consisting of polyolefins blended with a material selected from the group consisting of elastomeric block copolymers, natural and synthetic rubbers, and atactic polypropylene blended with isotactic polypropylene;

said discontinuous layers ~~of fibers~~ being embedded between continuous layers and being separated from each other by continuous layer material.

16. (Currently amended) The polymeric web of claim 15 in which the discontinuous ~~fiber~~ layers comprise a polymer selected from the group consisting of polyamides, styrenic polymers, cyclic polyolefins and copolymers thereof.

17. (Currently amended) The polymeric web of claim 16 in which the discontinuous ~~fiber~~ layers comprise cyclic copolymer of norbornene and ethylene, and the continuous layers comprise a blend of atactic polypropylene with isotactic polypropylene.

18. (Previously presented) The polymeric web of claim 15 which is in the form of a paint masking film.